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**FOLLOWING SENT ACTION**

TO YOU:  
QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS. AF, FR  
SUBJ: VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN COUP  
REF: KABUL 5200 ✓

1. EMBOFF PASSED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR [REDACTED] MESSAGE TO  
[REDACTED] WHO EXPRESSED GOF  
THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. CONCERNED BECAUSE IT  
HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR MESSAGE FROM [REDACTED] AND HAD BEEN  
PREPARING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EDUCATION DELEGATION FOR VISIT  
TO AFGHANISTAN NEXT WEEK.

2. ~~THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT--AND DISQUIETING--~~  
INFORMATION WAS ~~VIEW THAT DAQUD'S COUP WAS BASED~~  
ON THE MILITARY--~~PRESUMABLY YOUNG, PROGRESSIVE OFFICERS~~  
TRAINED IN USSR. ~~SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS ACTIVELY~~  
ENCOURAGED THE COUP--~~SINCE DAQUD HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED~~  
WITH POLICY OF "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH USSR IN PRE-1963 PERIOD,  
THOUGHT COUP WOULD ADD FURTHER ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY  
TO THE AREA. IRWIN

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